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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : H. FUJII et al.
Serial No. : 09/807,468
Filed : April 11, 2001
For : HIGH STRENGTH ALPHA + BETA TYPE TITANIUM ALLOY
TUBE AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Kindly amend the above-identified patent
application as follows.

In The Claims

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--7. (Amended) A method of production of a pipe having an outside diameter of at least 150 mm and a wall thickness of at least 6 mm, comprised of a high strength $\alpha+\beta$ titanium alloy, having a welded seam running in the longitudinal direction of pipe at one location, and having a ratio of a minimum wall thickness to a maximum wall thickness of the portions excluding the weld zone of 0.95 to 0.99, said